

Marine Life Protection Act Initiative



Overview of Fishery Closures in the MLPA North Coast Study Region

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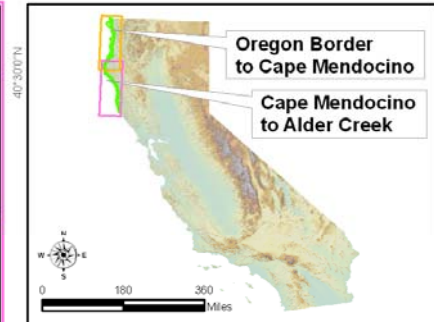
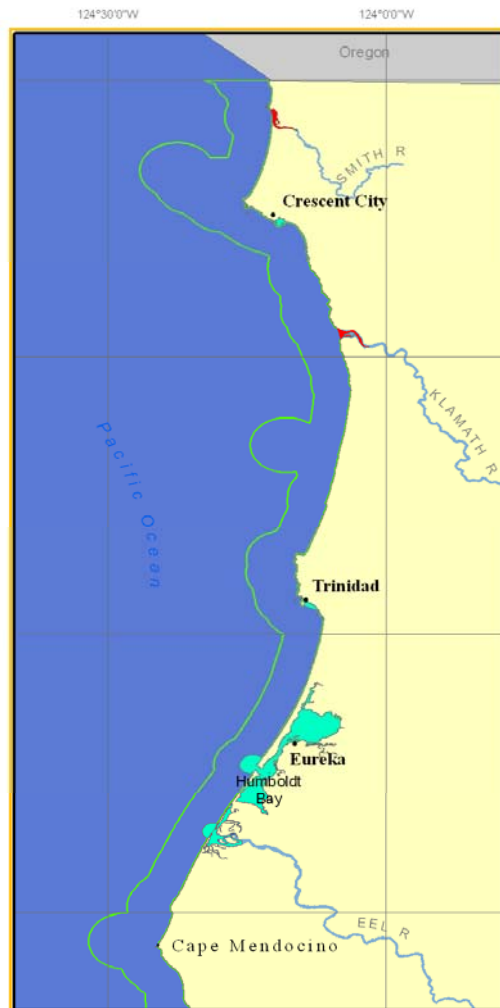
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Presentation Topics

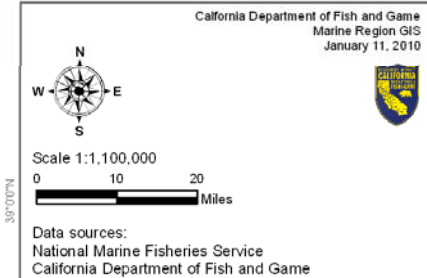
- Areas closed to commercial Dungeness crab harvest
- Areas closed to commercial and recreational harvest of federally managed groundfish
- Areas closed to commercial and recreational ocean salmon harvest
- Essential fish habitats and areas of particular concern

Areas Closed to Commercial Dungeness Crab Harvest

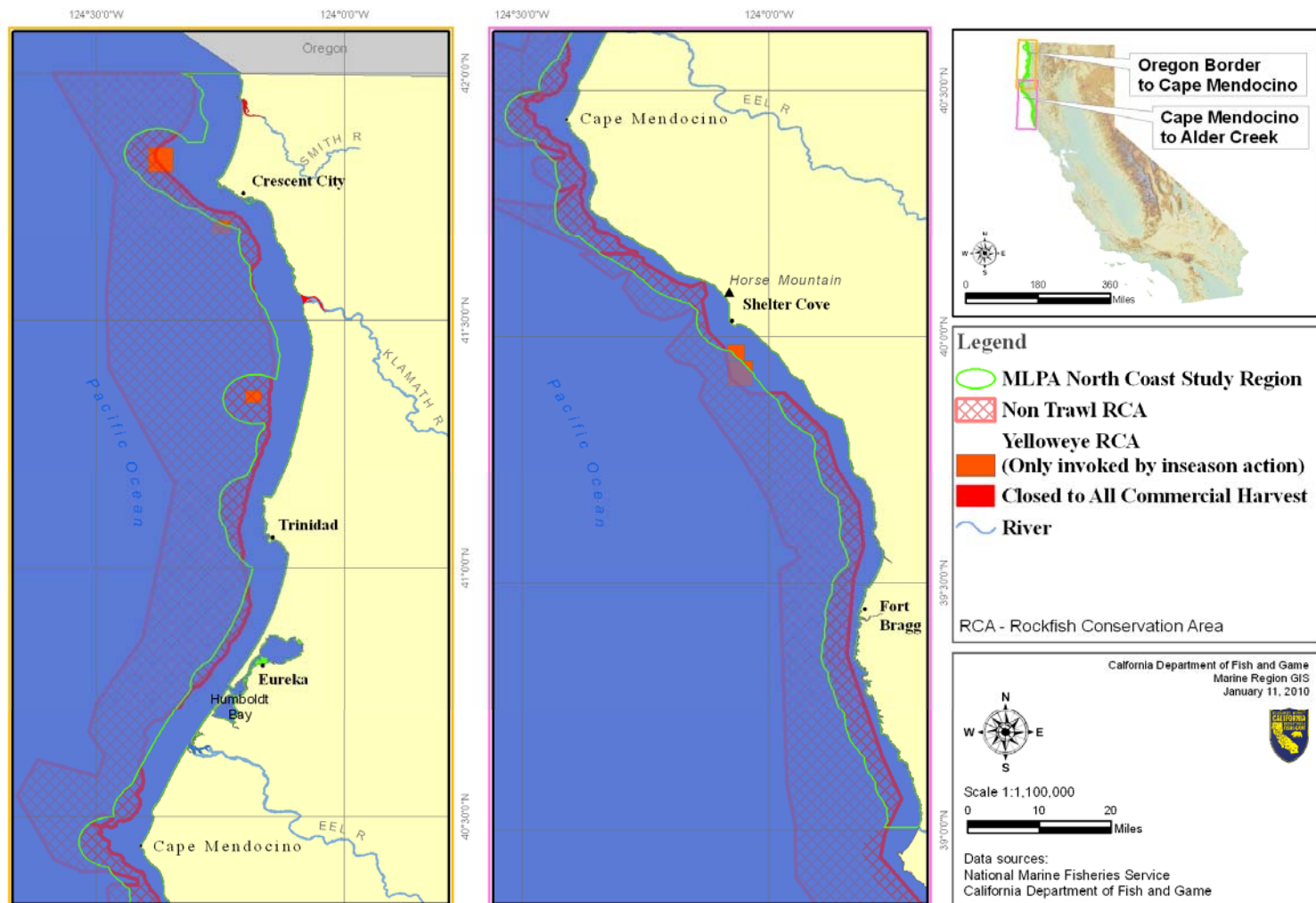


Legend

- MLPA North Coast Study Region
- Closed to Commercial Dungeness Crab Harvest
- Closed to All Commercial Harvest
- River

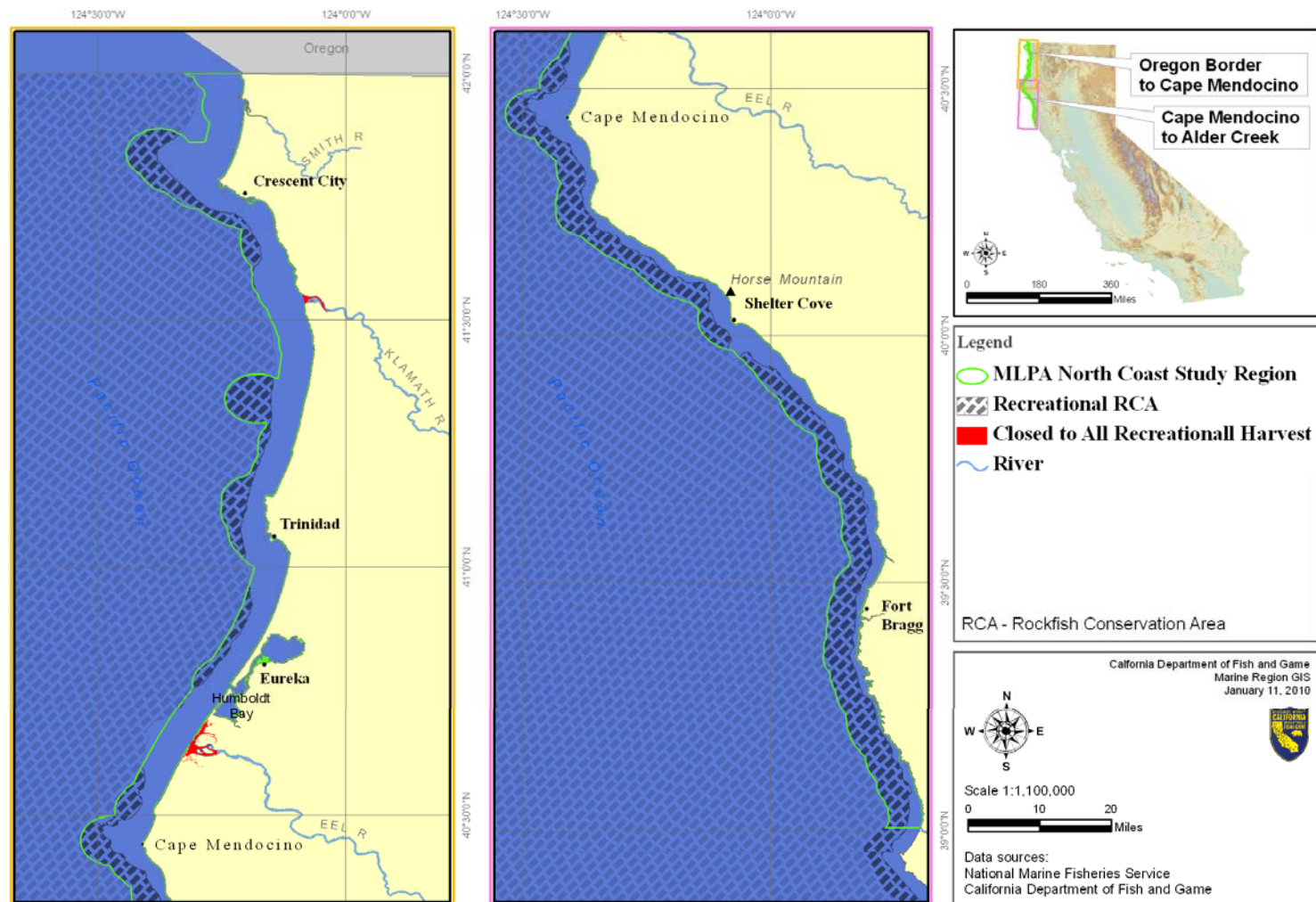


Commercial Groundfish Conservation Areas

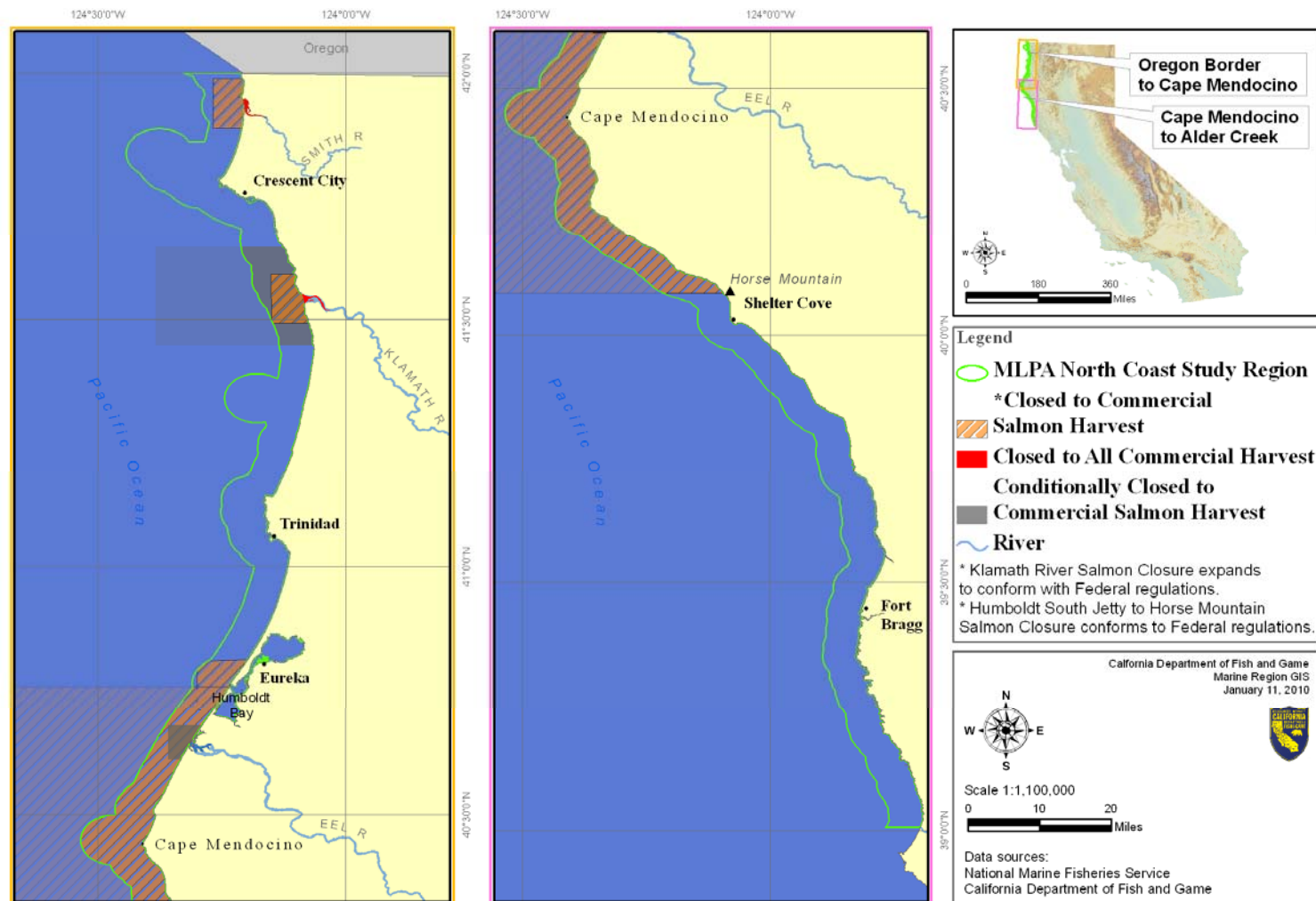




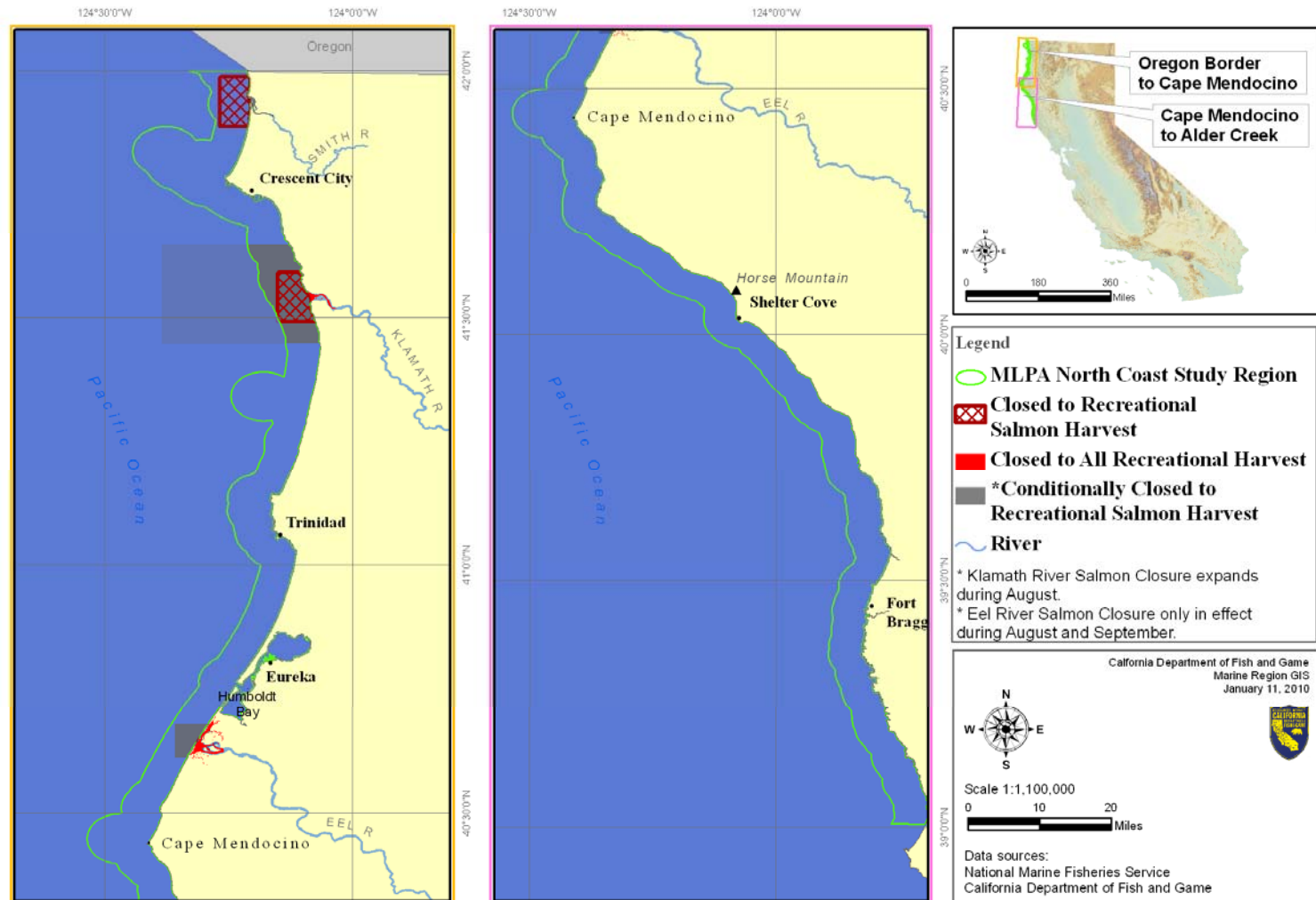
Recreational Groundfish Conservation Areas



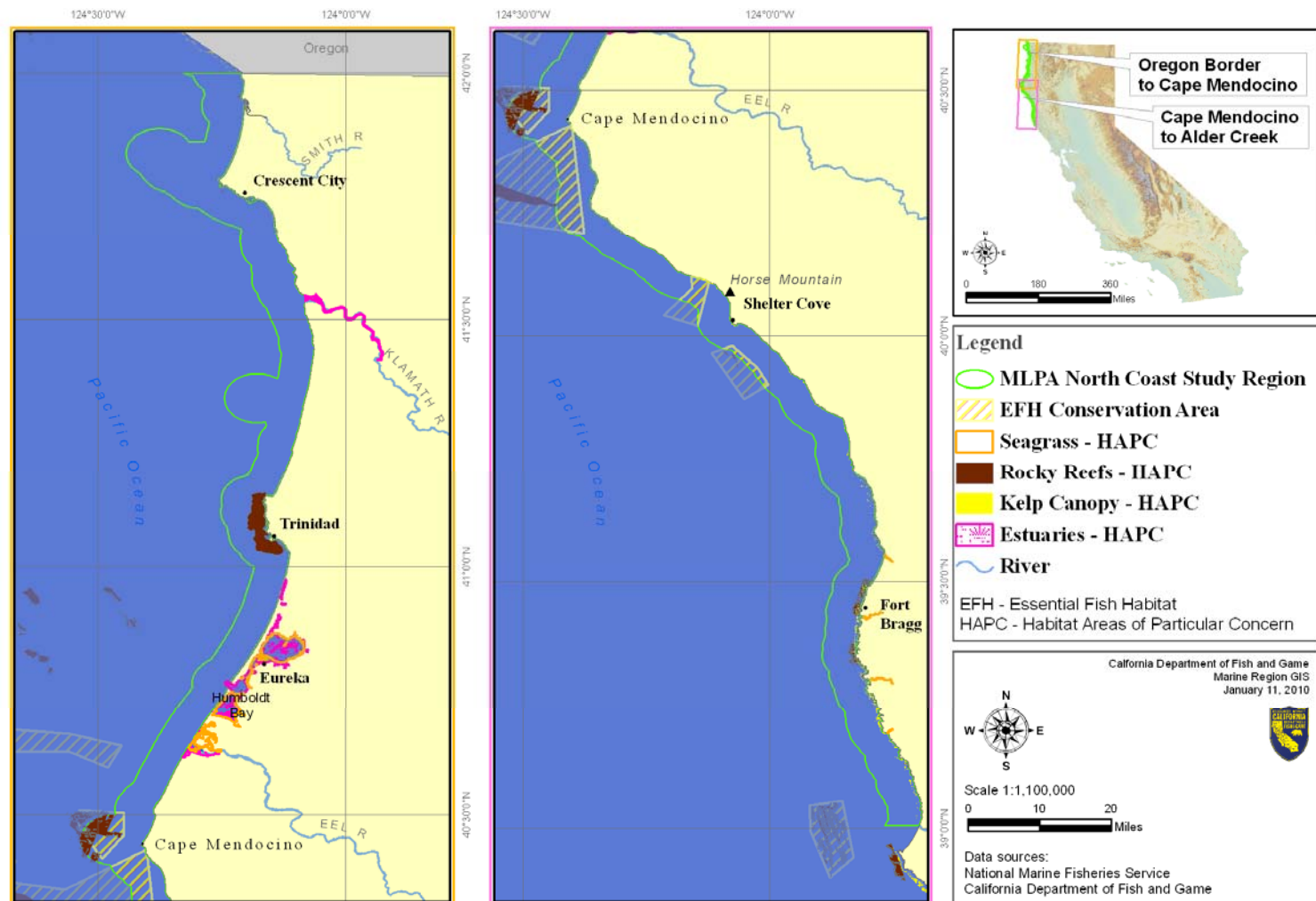
Areas Closed to Commercial Ocean Salmon Harvest



Areas Closed to Recreational Ocean Salmon Harvest



Essential Fish Habitats and Habitat Areas of Particular Concern





Recommendations

- Architects of draft MPA arrays are encouraged to access fisheries information found in MarineMap and the north coast regional profile
- Consider incorporating portions of already-closed areas such as the rockfish conservation areas (RCAs) when designing MPA arrays, provided that the area can also contribute to achieving the goals of the MLPA
- It's important to recognize that, should any of the fishery management-based closures (e.g., RCAs) change, an MPA boundary would persist